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TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1099.

Saturday, the 3rd November 1923.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-Thirty-four A. M. with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Applications for Agricultural Loans.

67. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications under the Agricultural Loans Regulation received by the Tahsildars and the Dewan Peishkar of the Kottayam Division in 1098, the number already disposed of and the number awaiting disposal among such applications; and

(*b*) whether they will direct the Dewan Peishkars and the Tahsildars to submit to Government a quarterly statement of such applications received, disposed of, and pending disposal in their offices, with reasons for the delay in the disposal of each such application?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Information has been called for.

(*b*) Periodical statements are now being received and scrutinised by the Government.

Sale of Salt by Licensees.

68. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the licensees of the salt factories in South Travancore to whom the concession of private sale of salt was granted

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[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

from Dhanu, 1098, to the end of Kanni, 1099, and the reasons for granting such concession; and

(*b*) the amount of loss sustained by the Government as a result of granting such a concession?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No private sale of salt in factories is allowed, but direct sale is allowed under the supervision of factory officers. Under the terms of their agreements, the licensees are bound to deliver to Government certain quantities of salt each year subject to the payment of the *kudivila* mentioned therein and they are entitled to sell direct to private persons the remaining salt manufactured by them subject to the payment of duty to Government. The member probably refers to the remissions granted to the licensees in regard to the fixed quantities of salt deliverable by them to Government under their agreements. The licensees of the following factories were granted the remissions specified against them in Vrischikam 1098:—

(1) Avadhanial's factory	...	22,222	maunds.
(2) Cape Comorin General Traffic Company's factory	...	15,556	,,
(3) Dr. Sankaramurti Pillai's factory	...	1,872	,,
(4) Tamaracolam Puttallom	...	8,889	,,
(5) Srimulagopalanathan *allom*	...	22,222	,,
(6) Srimulakrishnamani *allom*	...	11,111	,,

The reason for granting these remissions is the unforeseen loss the licensees sustained on account of the cyclone of November last.

(*b*) Government sustain no loss worth mentioning by the grant of such remissions.

Sale of Salt by Proprietors of Salt Pans.

69. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted permission for the sale of salt to the proprietors of salt pans who carry on salt manufacture in South Travancore, after receiving the share due to the Government?

(*b*) If sanction has been accorded, will the Government be pleased to state from what time such sanction has been given, and what the Excise Commissioner's reasons for the same are?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many maunds of salt have thus been sold from the time when sanction was accorded to the sale of salt up to Kanni, 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) of question No. 68.

(*c*) 1,13,856 maunds.

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